



Unwanted Pharmaceutical Take Back Program

Unused drugs kept in medicine cabinets, tossed in the garbage, or flushed down the toilet or drain can be serious threats to human and environmental health. In one recent national study, scientists analyzed streams for 95 different organic wastewater contaminants, including pharmaceutical compounds. One or more of these wastewater contaminants appeared in 80 percent of the streams. Risks posed to aquatic organisms by long-term exposure to various pharmaceutical compounds are unknown. Wastewater treatment plants and septic systems usually do not treat or only partially treat pharmaceuticals, so chemical compounds from pharmaceuticals pass through treatment plants or septic systems to rivers or groundwater.

Drugs of concern include controlled and non-controlled prescription drugs, as well as over-the-counter medications. Proper management of these drugs reduces avoidable poisoning of both children and adults; prevents intentional misuse of unwanted prescription drugs, especially by teenagers; and protects water quality and fish.

Items accepted include:	Items not accepted include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prescriptions• Over the counter medications• Pet medications• Medicated ointment, lotions or drops• Liquid medications (in leak-proof containers)• Inhalers• Pills in any packaging (glass bottles, plastic containers, plastic bags, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Illegal drugs & narcotics (although police will accept these items if placed in the containers)• Sharps/needles• Blood sugar equipment• Thermometers• IV bags• Bloody or infectious waste• Personal care products (shampoo, lotions, etc)

Locations by County

[Anderson County](#)

Clinton City Police Department
125 Broad Street
Clinton, TN 37116

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Vaughn Becker
(865) 457-3112

[Bedford County](#)

Bedford County Sheriff Department
103 Lane Parkway
Shelbyville, TN 37160

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Captain Tony Barrett
(931) 684-3232

Locations by County

[Blount County](#)

Blount County Sheriff Department
920 East Lamar Alexander Parkway
Maryville, TN 37804

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

James Berong
(865) 273-5149

[Clay County](#)

Clay County Sheriff Department
400 West Lake Avenue
Celina, TN 38551

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Brandon Boone
(931) 243-3266

[Coffee County](#)

Coffee County Sheriff Department
300 Hillsboro Road
Manchester, TN 37355

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Laura Nettles
(931) 728-3591

[Nashville/Davidson Police Department](#)

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
[North Precinct](#) - 2231 26th Avenue North
[South Precinct](#) - 5101 Harding Place
[East Precinct](#) - 936 E. Trinity Lane
[West Precinct](#) - 5500 Charlotte Pike
[Hermitage Precinct](#) - 3701 James Kay Lane
[Madison Precinct](#) - 430 Myatt Drive

Sunday – Saturday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
[Central Precinct](#) - 501 Broadway

Sharon Smith

[Dickson County](#)

Dickson Police Department
202 South Main Street
Dickson, TN 37055

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Officer J. David Cole
(615) 446-8041 Opt. 4

[Dyer County](#)

Dyer County Sheriff Office
401 East Cedar Street
Dyersburg, TN 38024

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Chief Mike Boals
(731) 285-2802

Locations by County

Franklin County

1. Cowan Police Department

106 Cherry Street North
Cowan, TN 37318

Chief Allen Edwards
(931) 962-0110

Hours – 24 hours a day/7days a week

3. Estill Springs Police Department

308 South Main Street
Estill Springs, TN 37330

Chief Allen Rhodes
(931) 649-5188

5. Sewanee Police Department

111 Alabama Ave.
Sewanee, TN 37375

Chief Robert White
(931) 598-1111

Hours – 24 hours a day/7days a week

2. Decherd Police Department

100 Powell Street
Decherd, TN 37324

Chief Ross Peterson
(931) 967-5120

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

4. Huntland Police Department

100 Cumberland Blvd.
Huntland, TN 37345

Sgt. Hamilton
(931) 469-7702

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

6. [Franklin County Sheriff Department](#)

420 Wilton Circle
Winchester, TN 37398

Sheriff Tim Fuller
(931) 962-0123

Hours – 24 hours a day/7days a week

[Gibson County](#)

City of Milan Police Department

7029 Telecom Drive
Milan, TN 38358

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Officer Bobby Sellers
(731) 686-3309

[Greene County](#)

Greeneville Police Department

200 N College Street
Greeneville, TN 37745

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Lt. Michael Ottinger
(423) 787-6197

Locations by County

[Grundy County](#)

Grundy County Sheriff Department

62 Spring Street
Altamont, TN 37301

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Sheriff Brent Myers
(423) 787-6197

[Hamblen County](#)

Hamblen County Sheriff Department

814 West Main Street
Morristown, TN 37814

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sheriff Esco Jarnagan
(423) 586-3781

[Haywood County](#)

Brownsville Police Department
118 N. Lafayette Street
Brownsville, TN 38012

Hours – Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Lt. Barry Diebold
(731) 772-1260

[Humphreys County](#)

New Johnsville Police Department
323 Long Street
New Johnsville, TN 37134

Hours – Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Wayne Ellison
(931) 535-2700

[Johnson County](#)

Johnson County Sheriff Department

999 Honeysuckle Street
Mountain City, TN 37683

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Joe Woodard
(423) 727-7761

[Knox County](#)

Knoxville Police Department

800 Howard Baker Jr. Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37915

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Craig McNew
(865) 215-7031

[Madison County](#)

Jackson Police Department

234 Institute Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Patrick Willis
(731) 425-8454

[McMinn County](#)

McMinn County Sheriff Department

1319 South White Street
Athens, TN 37371

Hours – 24 hours/7 days a week

Sheriff Joe Guy
(423) 745-5620



Locations by County

[Monroe County](#)

Monroe County Sheriff Department

319 Hickory Street
Madisonville, TN 37354

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Jennifer Bledsoe
(423) 442-3911

[Obion County](#)

Obion Police Department

408 South Depot Street
Union City, TN 38261

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Perry Barfield
(731) 885-1515

[Overton County](#)

Overton County Sheriff Department

1010 John T. Poindexter Drive
Livingston, TN 38570

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Mark Peek
(931) 260-0350

[Putnam County](#)

Cookeville Police Department

10 East Broad Street
Cookeville, TN 38501

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Lt. Michael Smith
(931) 260-0963

[Rhea County](#)

Rhea County Sherriff Department

444 Second Avenue
Dayton, TN 37321

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Deputy James Pearce
(423) 619-8527

[Roane County](#)

Roane County Sherriff Department

230 North Third Street
Kingston, TN 37763

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sgt. Robert Anderson
(865) 717-4700

[Rutherford County](#)

Rutherford County Sheriff Department

940 New Salem Highway
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Deputy James Noe
(615) 898-7770



[Sevier County](#)

Sevierville Police Department

300 Gary Wade Blvd.
Sevierville, TN 37862

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Lt. Ken Garner
(865) 868-1753

Locations by County

Sullivan County

[Kingsport Police Department](#)

200 Shelby Street
Kingsport, TN 37660

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Tom Patton
(423) 229-9433

[Sullivan County Sheriff Department](#)

140 Blountville By-pass
Blountville, TN 37617

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Jamie Free
(423) 279-7500

[Stewart County](#)

Stewart County Sheriff Department
117 Donelson Parkway
Dover, TN 37058

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Sheriff Derik Wyatt

(931) 232-5322

[Sumner County](#)

White House Police Department
303 North Palmers Chapel Road
White House, TN 37188

Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Captain Jeff Mingledorff
(615) 616-1064

[Washington County](#)

Johnson City Police Department
601 East Main Street
Johnson City, TN

Monday – Friday 6:00 am – 11:30 pm

Donna Tallmadge
(423) 975-2690

[Williamson County](#)

Williamson County Sheriff Department
408 Century Drive
Franklin, TN 37064

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Jeff Long
(615) 790-5560

[Wilson County](#)

Mt. Juliet Police Department
2425 North Mt. Juliet Road
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Hours – 24 hours / 7 days a week

Tyler Chandler
(615) 754-2550

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